

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
STATE OF NEBRASKA

Matthew L. Blomstedt, Ph.D.
Commissioner of Education
301 Centennial Mall South - 6th Floor
P. O. Box 94933
Lincoln, NE 68509-4933

Petitioner,

vs.

John C. Saum
505 Hoback Road
Union, NE 68455

Respondent.

Case No. 14022

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

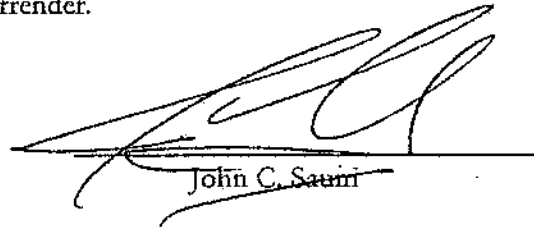


In accordance with Title 92, *Nebraska Administrative Code*, Chapter 28, Section 003.08 (effective date: December 25, 1989), the Respondent, John Saum, being duly sworn, states:

1. The Respondent, John Saum, holds a public Nebraska Standard teaching certificate number 2011008801, endorsed in Special Education 7-12, with an expiration date of August 31, 2016.
2. The Respondent, upon execution of this document, expressly waives any and all rights Respondent possesses under Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 79-859 through 79-871, Title 92, *Nebraska Administrative Code*, Chapters 27, 28, and 29 regarding the revocation and reinstatement of the certificate outlined in paragraph (1) above.
3. The Respondent acknowledges that this voluntary surrender will be treated as an indefinite revocation for purposes of publicity and reinstatement of the certificate presently held by the Respondent as outlined in paragraph (1) above.
4. The Respondent admits that on September 11, 2015, a Petition was filed alleging that during the 2010-2011 school year the Respondent engaged in inappropriate conduct with a 17-year-old female student and that he failed to file any Answer to the Petition. The Respondent, by executing this document, admits, should he ever in the future want another certificate, that sufficient evidence existed to prove his conduct violates Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 79-866 (2) (Reissue 2014) which states: "The board may, for just cause, revoke or suspend any teacher's or administrator's certificate. Violation of the standards established pursuant to this section, commission of an immoral act, or conviction of a felony under the laws of this state shall constitute just cause for the revocation or suspension of a teacher's or administrator's certificate by the board"; and Title 92, *Nebraska Administrative Code*, Chapter 27, Section 004.02E (effective date: November 12, 2003) which states, "the educator:

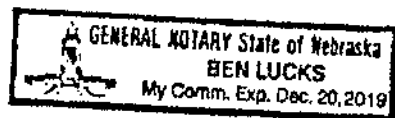
Shall not exploit professional relationships with students, colleagues, parents, school patrons, or school board members for personal gain or private advantage"; Section 004.03C (same effective date) which states, "the educator: Shall make reasonable effort to protect the student from conditions which interfere with the learning process or are harmful to health or safety"; Section 004.03D (same effective date) which states, "the educator: Shall conduct professional educational activities in accordance with sound educational practices that are in the best interest of the student"; and Section 004.04E (same effective date) which states, "the educator: Shall not commit any act of moral turpitude, or any felony under the laws of the United States or any state or territory, and shall not have a misdemeanor conviction involving abuse, neglect, or sexual misconduct as defined in Sections 003.12 through 003.14 of 92 NAC 21".

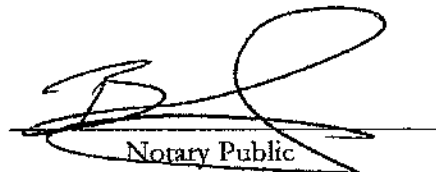
5. The Respondent executes this document knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently with understanding of his rights in this matter. The Respondent admits that he is currently represented by competent legal counsel and has been fully advised in all of this rights by legal counsel. The Respondent further acknowledges that the Commissioner of Education, the State Board of Education, or anyone connected with the State Department of Education has not made any offers, promises, threats, or inducements to the Respondent to persuade the Respondent to execute this voluntary surrender.


John C. Saum

State of Nebraska)
) ss.
County of LANCASTER)

The foregoing document was acknowledged before me this 18th day of March 2016 by John C. Saum.




Notary Public